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CONTROLLED BURN IN PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING FIREFIGHTER TRAINING

Morgan Hill – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, CAL FIRE will be conducting a 2 day “black lining” burn on June 16th and 17th 2015 starting at 10 am and concluding at 3 pm.

The site of the burn will be Joseph D. Grant County Park located at 18405 Mt. Hamilton Rd. San Jose, CA. The site is approximately 15 miles east of the City of San Jose.

A 75 acre area is being lined in preparation for an upcoming firefighter training burn to take place on June 25th and 26th 2015. Total burn consumption of land for black lining will be about 5 acres. The black lining will proceed on June 17th pending favorable weather conditions, incident activity in Northern California and approval from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD).

This black lining burn will create a perimeter buffer around a 70 acre plot of land to be used as part of the planned fire training class. Conducting this operation essentially creates a non-flammable perimeter around the future training plot and increases that buffer beyond the current existing road structure. Since the vegetation will be set on fire in a controlled operation, smoke production is expected to be minimal; however some smoke may be visible from the San Jose area.

Residents looking for information on how to prepare themselves, their families and their homes for wildfire can visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org. The site offers tips for residents to make their homes more resistant to wildfires and to ensure that their families are ready to evacuate early and safely when a wildfire strikes.

With California’s drought now in its 4th year, it’s critical that everyone do their part to conserve water so we have it for drinking and emergencies like wildfires. Find out how you can help at SaveOurWater.com and drought.ca.gov.